IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yasushi OGAWA GAU: To Be Assigned SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application **EXAMINER:** To Be Assigned FILED: Herewith FOR: APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING DOCUMENTS REQUEST FOR PRIORITY COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313 SIR: ■ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/639,108, filed August 16, 2000, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120. ☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. **Date Filed** Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: **COUNTRY** APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR Japan 11-230749 August 17, 1999 Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s) are submitted herewith ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. 09/639,108 filed August 16, 2000. were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304. ☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and ☐ (B) Application Serial No.(s) are submitted herewith will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee Respectfully Submitted, OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C Gregory J. Maier Customer Number Registration No.

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